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CONFERENCE OF UNIDO, OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 4, 1974, BANGKOK

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1. EMBOFF LEARNED FROM JUNICHI NAKAMURA, JAPAN PERMREP/ESCAP THAT
RTG RUMORED TO BE ORGANIZING SPECIAL MTG. GROUP 77 OUTSIDE ESCAP
BUILDINGS IN RTG CONFERENCE CENTER TO DRAFT ASIAN VARIANT PLAN OF
ACTION FOR CREATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ORDER. RUMOR
CONFIRMED BY MARAMIS DURING RECENT TET-A-TETE SUBSEQUENT TO
NAKAMURA TELECON. RTG HOSTED MTG. WILL PRECEDE SUBJECT MTG. BY
SEVERAL DAYS.

2. SOURCE REPORTS FURTHER THAT RTG WILL INVITE PRC. SINCE PRC NOT
A MEMBER OF GROUP 77, SPECULATIVE THIS MOMENT TO PREDICT THEIR
BANGKOK ATTENDANCE.

3. UNDERSTAND THAT MARAMIS IS SUPPORTIVE RTG INITIATIVE PARTICULARLY
VIEW HIS STRONG DESIRE HAVE PRC PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY ESCAP
AFFAIRS. MARAMIS VOLUNTEERED THAT PEKING HAS REQUESTED HE EXTEND
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SEVEN DAYS. HE ALSO EXUBERANT THAT PRC MIGHT
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ATTEND EXCLUSIVE SESSION DESCRIBED HEREIN. ESCAP REPUTEDLY PREPARED

BACKSTOP DOCUMENTATION AND INTERPRETING REQUIREMENTS. MARAMIS DID NOT RPT NOT CONFIRM THIS. HE STATED ONLY THAT RTG HOST ROLE YET TO BE CONFIRMED BY CABINET WHICH SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS MATTER OCT. 1ST.

4. JAPAN CONCERNED OVER ESCAP ESTABLISHING PRECEDENT FOR AD HOC EXCLUSIVE MTGS. EVEN IF HOSTED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES OUTSIDE ESCAP PHYSICAL FACILITIES.

5. COMMENT: USDEL TOOK UNCOMPROMISING, NEGATIVE POSITION STANDING ALONE ON THIS MATTER AT COLOMBO PLENARY, SEE PARAS 256/257, PAGE 25 OF E/5469 ESCAP ANNUAL REPORT. APPARENTLY ESCAP NOW CONFIDENT THAT HOLDING MTG. OUTSIDE PHYSICAL LIMITS ESCAP FULFILLS CRITERIA LAID DOWN AT COLOMBO. IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TO HOLD EXCLUSIVE MTG. NONETHELESS WITHOUT ANY NONREGIONAL MEMBERS AND EVEN EXCLUDING CERTAIN REGIONAL MEMBERS (JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND) WHAT HAS OUR COLOMBO POSITION GAINED EXCEPT HIGH NEGATIVE VISIBILITY. RED BELIEVES THAT CURRENT ASIAN LDC REALITIES RELATING TO UNIDO MTG. SUCH THAT USG INFLUENCE MINIMAL AT BEST. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND US POLICY BE NEUTRAL AT LEAST RE THIS ISSUE AND SUPPORTIVE IF POSSIBLE. WHILE WE NOT INVITED TO ATTEND EXCLUSIVE MTG., IF DEPT. PSOTION HAS CHANGED, THEN WE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS OUR ENCOURAGEMENT, IF NOT OUR SUGGESTIONS, AT APPROPRIATE MOMENTS FOR ASIAN VARIANT PLAN OF ACTION FOR CREATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ORDER

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT. REASSESS OUR COLOMBO POSITION, AND ADVISE IF STILL APPLICABLE OR HOW MODIFIED. DEPT. RESPONSE SHOULD BE TIMELY AS BENEFIT OF CHANGED POSITION WILL BE GREATEST IF LDC ESCAP MEMBER COUNTRIES; PERMREPS ARE ADVISED SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF SUBJECT MTG.
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